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San Jose, CA XXXX

9/2/2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson
U.S Representative
2721 Napa Valley Corporate Drive
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Representative Thompson,

My name is Saroop XXXXX and I am a 13-year-old 8th grader at XXXXXX School. I have attended XXXXX from years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. I care deeply about the mental health of the youth in our community and wanted to share my thoughts with you.

I want to discuss the proposed bill known as the Gun Violence Protection Bill. This issue is important to me because I've witnessed many of my peers being affected and traumatized during a circumstance that aligns exactly with what this bill intends to avoid. As I stated above, I have attended XXXXXX XXXX School from years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. During my 7th grade year (2024-2025) our school was placed under a lockdown because of a potential threat that my school was placed on a hit list. Although the media was not keen on picking up our story, a post on Instagram was circulating throughout our social platforms that someone was planning to attack and terrorize our school. In the end, it turned out that the potential threat had only intended to create chaos and disorder in several schools within our district, rather than actually attacking us. Because of the fear instilled in us, many people fell under panic and asthma attacks.

I urge you to support the Gun Violence Protection Bill, also known as SB19, which would avoid situations that my peers and I had to undergo and allow kids and parents to feel safe while sending their children to school. As stated in <https://publications.csba.org/>, "...student themselves felt less safe than staff perceived they are...". Taking this action would me and my peers all around not just California but the entire United States feel safe and sound at school. I feel as if no student or parent should feel scared or unsafe while attending school. Young people like me care about these issues and want to see leaders like you take action. I would appreciate a response letting me know your position on this issue and what steps you plan to take. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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